

## NIH Biosafety Level 2 (BL2) - (Large Scale)

These questions are based on the Biosafety Level 2 (BL 2) - Large Scale section of the *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules*, March 1996 edition, Appendix K-II and K-IV.

Complete this section only if your laboratory does large scale research or production using large quantities (greater than 10 liters of culture) of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules.

Please circle the response that best describes the laboratory in which work with select agents will be carried out.

**N.A. = not applicable. If you mark "N.A." , please provide a brief explanation below that item or on a separate page.**

### Appendix K-II. Good Large Scale Practice (GLSP)

- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-A. Institutional codes of practice shall be formulated and implemented to assure adequate control of health and safety matters.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-B. Written instructions and training of personnel shall be provided to assure that cultures of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules are handled prudently and that the work place is kept clean and orderly.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-C. In the interest of good personal hygiene, facilities (e.g., hand washing sink, shower, changing room) and protective clothing (e.g., uniforms, laboratory coats) shall be provided that are appropriate for the risk of exposure to viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules. Eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics, and mouth pipetting shall be prohibited in the work area.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-D. Cultures of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules shall be handled in facilities intended to safeguard health during work with microorganisms that do not require containment.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-E. Discharges containing viable recombinant organisms shall be handled in accordance with applicable governmental environmental regulations.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-F. Addition of materials to a system, sample collection, transfer of culture fluids within/between systems, and processing of culture fluids shall be conducted in a manner that maintains employee's exposure to viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules at a level that does not adversely affect the health and safety of employees.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-II-G. The facility's emergency response plan shall include provisions for handling spills.

### Appendix K-IV-A.

- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-A. Spills and accidents which result in overt exposures to organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules are immediately reported to the Biological Safety Officer, and other appropriate authorities. Medical evaluation, surveillance, and treatment are provided as appropriate and written records are maintained.

- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-B. Cultures of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules shall be handled in a closed system (e.g., closed vessel used for the propagation and growth of cultures) or other primary containment equipment (e.g., Class III biological safety cabinet containing a centrifuge used to process culture fluids) which is designed to prevent the escape of viable organisms. Volumes less than 10 liters may be handled outside of a closed system or other primary containment equipment provided all physical containment requirements specified in Appendix G-II-B, Physical Containment Levels--Biosafety Level 2, are met.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-C. Culture fluids (except as allowed in Appendix K-IV-D) shall not be removed from a closed system or other primary containment equipment unless the viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules have been inactivated by a validated inactivation procedure. A validated inactivation procedure is one which has been demonstrated to be effective using the organism that will serve as the host for propagating the recombinant DNA molecules.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-D. Sample collection from a closed system, the addition of materials to a closed system, and the transfer of cultures fluids from one closed system to another shall be conducted in a manner which prevents the release of aerosols or contamination of exposed surfaces.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-E. Exhaust gases removed from a closed system or other primary containment equipment shall be treated by filters which have efficiencies equivalent to high efficiency particulate air/HEPA filters or by other equivalent procedures (e.g., incineration) to prevent the release of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules to the environment.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-F. A closed system or other primary containment equipment that has contained viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules shall not be opened for maintenance or other purposes unless it has been sterilized by a validated sterilization procedure. A validated sterilization procedure is one which has been demonstrated to be effective using the organisms that will serve as the host for propagating the recombinant DNA molecules.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-G. Rotating seals and other mechanical devices directly associated with a closed system used for the propagation and growth of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules shall be designed to prevent leakage or shall be fully enclosed in ventilated housings that are exhausted through filters which have efficiencies equivalent to high efficiency particulate air/HEPA filters or through other equivalent treatment devices.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-H. A closed system used for the propagation and growth of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules and other primary containment equipment used to contain operations involving viable organisms containing sensing devices that monitor the integrity of containment during operations.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-I. A closed system used for the propagation and growth of viable organisms containing the recombinant DNA molecules shall be tested for integrity of the containment features using the organism that will serve as the host for propagating recombinant DNA molecules. Testing shall be accomplished prior to the introduction of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules and following modification or replacement of essential containment features. Procedures and methods used in the testing shall be appropriate for the equipment design and for recovery and demonstration of the test organism. Records of tests and results shall be maintained on file.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-J. A closed system used for the propagation and growth of viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules shall be permanently identified. This identification shall be used in all records reflecting testing, operation, and maintenance and in all documentation relating to use of this equipment for research or production activities involving viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules.
- Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-K. The universal biosafety sign shall be posted on each closed system and primary containment equipment when used to contain viable organisms containing recombinant DNA molecules.

Yes, No, N.A. Appendix K-IV-L. Emergency plans required by Sections IV-B-2-b-(6), Institutional Biosafety Committee, and IV-B-3-c-(3), Biological Safety Officer, shall include methods and procedures for handling large losses of culture on an emergency basis.